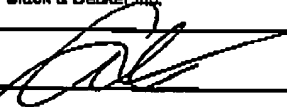


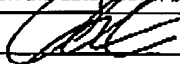
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 25, 2006.

Claims 25-26 and 30-32 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner rejected Claims 25-26 and 30-32 on the ground of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-24 of US Patent No. 6,218,806 in view of US Patent No. 5,903,462. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

According to 35 USC § 121 and MPEP § 804.01, if the Examiner issues a restriction requirement requiring an election between different inventions, the Examiner cannot use the issued

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patent on the elected invention against the pending application on a second invention so long as the second application was filed prior to the issuance of the first patent.

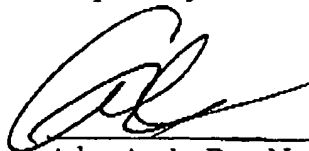
In the parent case (which resulted in the '806 Patent), the Examiner issued a restriction requirement requiring the election between Claims 1-24 and Claims 25-32, a copy of which is attached hereto. In that case, Applicants elected to prosecute Claims 1-24. Prior to issuance of the '806 Patent, Applicants filed the present case with restricted Claims 25-32.

Thus the requirements of 35 USC § 121 and MPEP § 804.01 have been met. Accordingly, the Examiner cannot use the '806 Patent as a basis for a double patent rejection against the present application. Therefore, the double patent rejection is improper. Applicants request the withdrawal of such rejection.

All the claims are patentable and the application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of Claims 25-26 and 30-32 are respectfully requested.

No fee is due for the present amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees due in processing this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2548.

Respectfully submitted.



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